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## SUGAR REPEAL BILL IN SENATE; PASSAGE SOON IS DECLARED CERTAIN

### Dutch Aroused by Sinking of Big Steamer Turbantia

#### THINK SUBMARINE DESTROYED LINER; FEAR CASUALTIES

Berlin Reiterates Under-Sea Warfare Will Proceed, But Denies Indiscriminate Attack

#### THIRD BATTLE OF VERDUN STILL IN PROGRESS TODAY

Paris Declares Five Successive Onslaughts Checked; Berlin Claims Gains Being Made By Teutons

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

The HAGUE, Netherlands, March 17.—The sinking of the fine Dutch liner Turbantia, reported yesterday, has aroused widespread resentment in the Dutch nation against Germany, whose submarine policy is held responsible for the loss of the steamer and the probable loss of lives.

The Turbantia, outward bound from Amsterdam to the river Plate, South America, sank off Northbinder lightship.

In a vigorous article today the Vaderland calls attention to the fact that the Turbantia was sunk simultaneously with the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, and states that his successor is proving that he is continuing the submarine program by sinking the newest and finest vessel flying the Dutch flag.

#### U. S. INVESTIGATING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The American consul for Holland, Frank Mahin, has been instructed to investigate the Turbantia sinking. The American consular agents at Gibraltar and Lisbon have also been instructed to investigate the attempt to torpedo the French steamer Patria, which narrowly escaped a submarine's attack off Algeria a few days ago. The Patria is declared to have been attacked without warning. A number of Americans were passengers.

#### BELIEVE WAS TORPEDO

LONDON, England, March 17.—According to a despatch from a Reuter correspondent at Flushing, there have without doubt been casualties in the sinking of the Turbantia.

Members of the crew say that the explosion occurred amidships and shattered the deck and the lifeboats. The violence of the explosion indicates that the steamer was torpedoed.

The Dutch admiralty states that 377 from the Turbantia have arrived in Holland. Revised lists of those aboard show there should be 381. The Richard Carmen-Schillings, wealthy New Yorkers, were saved.

The ship bore identification marks showing that she was a neutral.

#### GERMANY WON'T YIELD

BERLIN, Germany, March 17.—It was officially stated today that the submarine warfare will proceed under the limitations already explained to neutrals, but that there will be no indiscriminate sinkings.

#### FRENCH AND GERMAN CLAIMS OF THE DAY

PARIS, France, March 17.—Five successive onslaughts have been made by the Germans on the French lines east of Verdun but each has been repulsed with losses.

BERLIN, Germany, March 17.—Two French attacks on the German positions at Mortomme failed today.

#### NEW FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR JOFFRE'S FRIEND

PARIS, France, March 17.—It is emphasized that the resignation of Gen. Gallieni, the French war minister, is due to ill-health. General Roque, who succeeds him, is of the same type as Gen. Joffre and the two are great friends. Roque has been decorated several times for bravery in war.

#### GERMAN CHANCELLOR RUMORED TO RETIRE



Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
LONDON, Eng., March 17.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, is likely to retire from office soon, according to the Geneva, Switzerland, correspondent of the Daily Express.

There have been numerous rumors for more than a year past that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg would retire. Some of the rumors have represented him as out of sympathy with the Kaiser on important state matters.

#### GERMAN FLEET MAY COME OUT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
PARIS, France, March 17.—The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, minister of the German marine and commander of the navy, is believed to be due to his unwillingness to accede to the Kaiser's desire to send the big fleet into battle. The change in naval command may pre-empt the preparation of the German high sea fleet for an early sortie against the British fleet.

#### 120,000 ARMY PLAN RUSHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—President Wilson today signed the joint congressional resolution calling for the various units of the army to be recruited up to full peace strength, making a total strength of the army of 120,000.

#### BRITISH ENLISTMENT SUBJECT OF DEBATES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
LONDON, Eng., March 17.—A heated debate took place in the house of commons today and tonight over the order calling married men to the colors. The order has aroused much opposition, as it had been understood the call would not be issued for some time. The debate continued until one o'clock in the morning.

There is some feeling over the extension of the compulsion act to the married classes.

#### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS REPORT, March 16.—In Flanders, especially near the coast, there were violent artillery combats today, increasing in intensity, also in the sectors of Roye and Villers aux Biers, northwest of Rheims. The French, after a strong but inefficient artillery preparation attacked without the least success the German positions south of St. Souplet and west of the road between Somme and Souain. The French suffered numerous losses, but the German losses were few. The Germans took unwounded two French officers and 150 soldiers.

West of the Meuse French attempts to reconquer the height of Mortomme and the forest positions north and east were stopped at their beginning. No change has taken place between the Meuse and the Moselle. South of Niederaspach German patrols advanced into the enemy's trenches after effective artillery preparation. They destroyed the defensive positions and returned with prisoners and booty.

Gen. Sarraill, commanding the Allies forces, has sent to destitute Greeks in Macedonia and Asia Minor 1700 sacks of flour and 2000 bags of rice.

#### BIG ORDNANCE SUPPLY DEPOT FOR SHAFTER

President Approves Army Bill Appropriating \$300,000 for Construction

#### STATION WILL COVER ABOUT TWENTY ACRES

General Shops, Saddlery Shop, Reserve Storehouses and Quarters Included

According to word which reached army headquarters today, President Wilson has recommended the appropriation of \$300,000 for a big ordnance supply depot at Fort Shafter. The project as laid down has also been approved by the war department. The depot, which will be known as the Hawaiian ordnance depot, has been under consideration by the local department for about six months, and complete plans and specifications have been sent to Washington.

Plans drawn up here provide for a depot covering in its various buildings, approximately 20 acres, to be situated in the northeast portion of the military reserve. This will be toward town, mauka of the present buildings at Shafter, and about one mile from the road.

Modern in Every Detail. The new depot, which will be modern in every detail, will include general shops, saddlery shops, a supply depot, reserve store houses, gun sheds and quarters for non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

It is believed that the plans have been reported to committees in Congress, but so far as known here no action has been taken out of the committee. It is possible that this appropriation is the same as has been mentioned during the last few days in despatches from Washington, and not the appropriation for general buildings.

For barracks for the three full regiments which Shafter is to have \$900,000 is needed. When wireless Associated Press reports about a \$300,000 appropriation for Shafter reached the Star-Bulletin it was generally supposed that the money was for the general barracks, but now that sum is thought to have been intended for the ordnance depot.

Burglars visited the national bank building in New Britain and looted four dentists' offices, taking a quantity of gold and platinum.

Accident policies aggregating \$130,000 were taken out by President Britton, president of the St. Louis Nationals, on his players. The insurance does not cover accidents received on the field.

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#### KAUAL RAILROAD PROJECT IS HIGH 'UP IN THE AIR'

Homesteaders Blame Governor for More Than Year of Delay on Contracts

#### LIHUE PLANTATION UNABLE TO SERVE KAPAA TRACTS

Governor Understood to Fix Responsibility on Former Commissioner Tucker

After much more than a year of negotiation between Governor Pinkham, Lihue Plantation Company and Makee Sugar Company, the railroad project planned to serve the homesteaders of the Kapa district is "up in the air," with no prospect that it will materialize.

As a result, the homesteaders are proceeding on makeshift contracts, several of them face the possibility of going broke, and Lihue plantation, after advancing many thousands of dollars to them and many more thousands in preliminary work on the railroad, finds itself unable to get the cane crops it has helped make possible.

For the many months of delay and for their present situation, the homesteaders blame the governor. The governor is reported in turn to blame his erstwhile land commissioner, Joshua D. Tucker. The homesteaders are inclined to be caustic in their remarks, though their anger is temporarily lessened by the fact that sugar prices are as high many of them are going to reap a golden harvest. They are not worrying about the present, but the future, with its probability of much smaller sugar prices after the European war, is causing them anxiety.

#### Contracts Await Action.

The homesteaders say that over 60 contracts are awaiting action by the governor and have been in his office for months. These contracts are with the plantation companies. Inasmuch as the contracts affect land opened to public entry by the territory the territorial government reserves the right to pass upon the terms. The governor maintains that he has been studying the situation in order to protect the homesteaders. To this the homesteaders answer that contracts have been drawn with Lihue Plantation Company under the terms the governor stipulated, and that after long delay the governor himself wishes to change these terms materially.

The railroad from Kealia. Makee Sugar Company property, to Lihue has been considered by the territorial

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#### HAS CHARGE OF SUGAR BILL IN UPPER HOUSE



Senator F. M. Simmons.

#### U. S. EXPEDITION HASN'T YET MET MEXICAN ENEMY

Carranza Soldiers Cooperating and Troops Moving on Villa's Trail

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 17.—Moving southward on the trail of Gen. "Pancho" Villa, the American expeditionary columns have not yet met the enemy, according to information which reached here today. No clashes have taken place, says the meager and censored news.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Consul Stillman has telegraphed to the state department satisfactory assurances from the Mexican government that the entrance of Americans will not be opposed. Consul Stillman is now with Carranza.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 17.—Carranza troops are cooperating with the American expedition, according to news which has reached here. Four hundred of Gen. Calles' troops are preparing for the march.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The senate today adopted without opposition a resolution offered by Senator La Follette approving the president's sending the expeditionary force into Mexico and assuring the Mexicans that the entrance of troops is merely to punish Villa and his immediate followers.

LAREDO, Texas, March 17.—Fourteen Carranza soldiers and ten civilians were killed last Tuesday when a carload of grenades and artillery ammunition exploded at Monterey, Mexico. The news has just reached here, having previously been suppressed by Carranza because of the tension of affairs. All those killed were Mexicans.

#### CHERRY DANCERS MUST SAIL BACK TO NIPPON

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—After hearing many petitions to allow the two little cherry dancers to remain in America, the authorities after a long consultation refused the request and the dancers, who have been detained at the immigration station, will be deported by the next steamer. They will probably leave here on the Persia Maru.

The cherry dancers came from Japan at the time of the exposition, where they made a decided hit, and at the expiration of the exposition the Japanese maidens decided that they would remain in America, as they had made many friends here, but the pleadings of the two were in vain.

#### JAPANESE RAISE FUND FOR HURT CONDUCTOR

Rev. G. Motokawa, pastor of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal church of Honolulu, has canvassed a number of the prominent Japanese homes of the city, and has raised a substantial sum of money to be given as a token of appreciation to John Fern, Honolulu Rapid Transit conductor on the King Street line, who was recently badly injured while rescuing a Japanese woman from the possibility of serious hurt while alighting from a street car.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP MEASURE EARLY; HONOLULU REJOICES AT HOUSE ACTION

#### Local Sentiment Highly Optimistic as Result of Overwhelming Vote Yesterday—Prices Advancing

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The Kitchen free-sugar repeal bill, passed by the house yesterday with an overwhelming vote, reached the senate this afternoon and was referred to the finance committee.

Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the committee, says that he and his committee members will take the measure up at an early date. No time is to be lost in putting it through. He expects a favorable report and action by the upper house within a short time. The senate is overwhelmingly in favor of the repeal bill.

C. S. ALBERT.

There is no longer any uncertainty concerning the sugar situation among Honolulu men interested in that commodity. All of them take as a foregone conclusion the passage of the repeal of the free sugar clause by a large majority in the United States senate, and the speedy signing of the administration measure by President Wilson. The repeal is considered already as good as an accomplished fact.

With this assured stability for the industry here a different tone is expected to prevail in the stock market, where much of the buying for the last few months has been of a speculative and at times frenzied nature. Stocks have advanced tremendously, and no further great jumps are looked for, unless the price of sugar soars to unexpected heights.

A continued general advance to an investment basis is looked for, however, and brokers and sugar men generally think that many issues which have been earning and paying big profits, and are now selling on 10, 12, 15 and even higher income percentages, will advance to six or eight per cent yield prices, under the stimulus of investment buying, both for individuals, trust funds and estates.

The price of stocks is expected to base itself in each case on individual plantation acreage and tonnage prospects, and on the possibilities of net earnings yields for income over long periods, say 10 years, during which a decline from present war prices may be confidently expected.

"Sugar," said E. D. Tenney, first vice-president and general manager of Castle & Cooke, Ltd., this morning. "I regard the sugar question just as I have regarded it for the last six months. Yesterday's vote was so much of a certainty and the action of the senate and of the president is so equally certain that they may be considered as merely incidents.

"The one thing we face now is the movement for an excise tax, which might reduce our net protection to about half a cent. I've no doubt but that the excise tax movement will have many backers, and will grow. Eventually it may become a law, but that time is far off, for the tax is unpopular—except by such a decisive vote."

"I looked for more of a fight against the bill in the house than the senate," said J. W. Waldron, president of the Sugar Factors, this morning. "and seeing it went through the house by such a tremendous majority yesterday, I cannot but think that it will pass the senate in the same way.

"So far as this country is concerned, the effect has been discounted, as the bill's passing has been expected for the last few months as a foregone conclusion.

A. W. T. Bottomley, former president of the Sugar Factors, says he feels very pleased that the bill has gone through by such a decisive vote. "I think the senate will pass it," he adds, "although there is nothing new to say on the subject."

When asked for his views on the bill, J. P. Cooke said: "I have no doubt that the senate will pass the bill. The general opinion of those best informed in Washington was that the fight against it, if any, would be made in the house. Now that it has passed the house, with so big a majority I don't look for any difficulty in the senate. By the way, the Star-Bulletin certainly did get the news through in last time yesterday. It was quick work."

"I don't have any reason to doubt that the senate will pass the bill," remarks A. M. Nowell, secretary and manager of the Sugar Factors. "The senate has always been stronger for protection than the house in the past, and still is. Now that the house has passed the bill, it seems certain the senate will do so."

Asked for a statement as to his ideas on the situation, E. Faxon Bishop had the following to say: "Enough to See It Through."

"I don't see any reason why there should be any holding of the bill in the senate at all. I guess there are enough Republicans in favor of protection to see it through."

"It is a mighty good piece of news," says George Rodick. "So far as we can learn, there doesn't seem to be any doubt that it will pass the senate. It is certainly good for Hawaii's prosperity."

"The news published by the Star-Bulletin yesterday was as welcome as..."

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY		
	Today.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	20 1/2	20 1/2
American Smelter	102 1/2	102 1/2
American Sugar Ref.	112 1/2	110 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	129 1/2	129 1/2
American Copper	57 1/2	57 1/2
Adelphi	104 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Locom.	112 1/2	112 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	89 1/2	89 1/2
Bellevue Steel	53 1/2	53 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	25 1/2	25 1/2
Canadian Pacific	185 1/2	185 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	96 1/2	96 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	49 1/2	49 1/2
Crucible Steel	96 1/2	96 1/2
Eric Common	38 1/2	37 1/2
General Electric	180 1/2	170 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2	48 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	109 1/2	107 1/2
Kennecott Copper	57 1/2	57 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	78 1/2	78 1/2
New York Central	106 1/2	105 1/2
Pennsylvania	57 1/2	57 1/2
Pay Consol.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Southern Pacific	99 1/2	99 1/2
Studebaker	147 1/2	148 1/2
Tennessee Copper	57 1/2	58 1/2
Union Pacific	133 1/2	134 1/2
U. S. Steel	86 1/2	86 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Utah	82 1/2	83 1/2
Western Union	91 1/2	91 1/2
Westinghouse	68 1/2	69 1/2

\*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

#### OPPOSITION LEADERS WANT ISHII TO MOVE IN SHIP SEARCH CASE

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)  
TOKIO, March 17.—Three leaders of the Saiyukai or anti-government party called upon Baron Ishii, minister of foreign affairs, today, and asked why no steps were taken in regard to the matter of searching Japanese ships by British cruisers. The reply given by the minister was not satisfactory and they left disappointed, and more strongly opposed to the Okuma policy in handling foreign matters.

#### WIDOW AND ORPHAN OF MURDERED MAN WEEP AT COURT HEARING

Side by side in Circuit Judge Sturges' court today, their eyes red with weeping, sat little Mary Yong and her mother, sufferers from a tragedy Tuesday which deprived them of husband and father. They were in court to see what would be done with an action to annul Mary's marriage to You Chi Yong who, the girls allege, cruelly beat her.

You Chi Yong was not in court. He was locked up in jail charged with first degree murder, it being alleged that he shot and killed Kim Heung Nul, Mary's father. There was some argument as to whether You Chi Yong should be put on the stand and allowed to testify in the divorce case.

#### Wilson Wears The Green!

(A. P. by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—President Wilson wore a green tie and a shamrock today, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The shamrock was sent him by the Irish leader, John Redmond.